DRAWINGS AMENDMENTS

Marked-up drawings are enclosed herewith, showing changes to FIGS. 9 and 16-23. In each instance reference character "40" is changed to "41".

Similar "substitute sheets" are enclosed, showing the changes indicated in the marked-up drawings.

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Remarks

In the aforesaid Office Action, it was noted that claims 1-37 were in the application, with claims 1-20 and 27-37 standing withdrawn, leaving claims 21-26, which were acted upon. No claim has been canceled and no new claim has been added, leaving claims 21-26 for further consideration.

Claims 21-26 stand rejected under 35 USC 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 6-11 of U.S. Patent No. 5,540,718. Claim 21 has been amended such that claim 21 is narrower then claim 11 of the '718 patent, defining in greater detail a featured embodiment of the insertion tool. It is therefore believed that claim 21 is not presently coextensive with claim 11 of the '718 patent. It is thus requested that the double patenting rejection be vacated.

Claims 22 and 23 stand rejected under 35 USC 112 because of antecedent problems. Claims 22 and 23 have been amended to rectify the antecedent shortcomings.

Claims 22-26 depend directly or ultimately from claim 21.

The specification and drawings have been amended to, among other things, correct the double usage of the reference character "40", which was referred to on page 10, line 9 in conjunction with "conical surface" and on page 18, line 10, and thereafter, in conjunction with "insertion tool". In the latter case, the reference character has been changed to --41--.

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It is believed that claims 21-26 are in condition for allowance, which is most respectfully requested.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

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Annotated Marked-up Sheet

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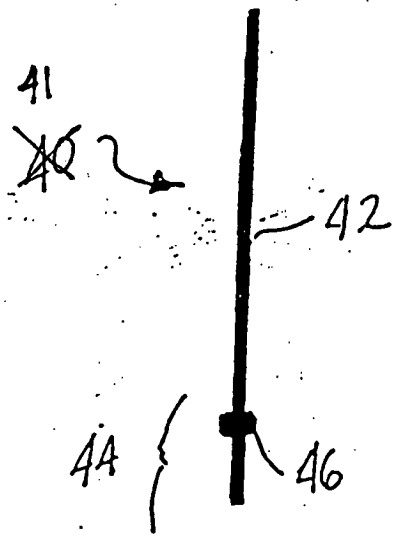

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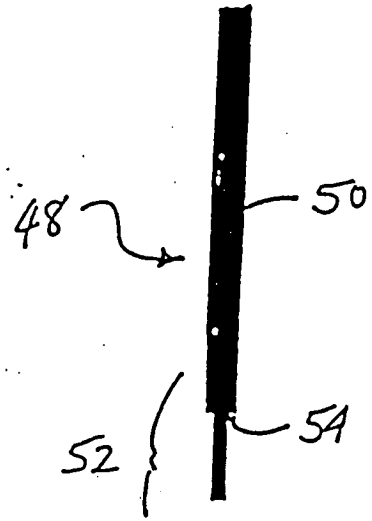

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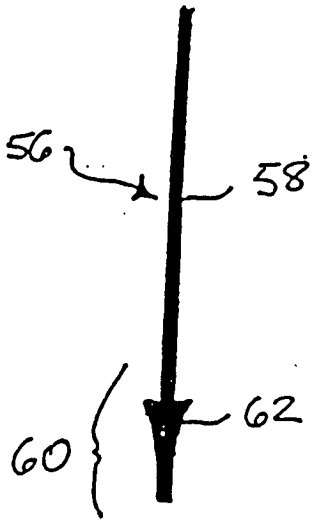

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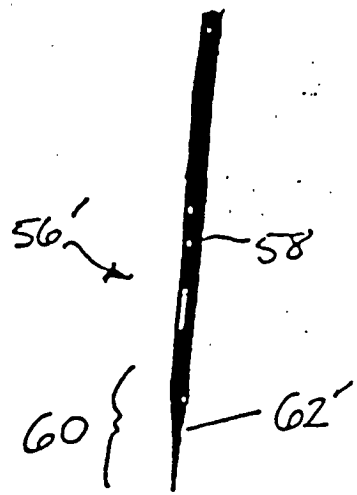

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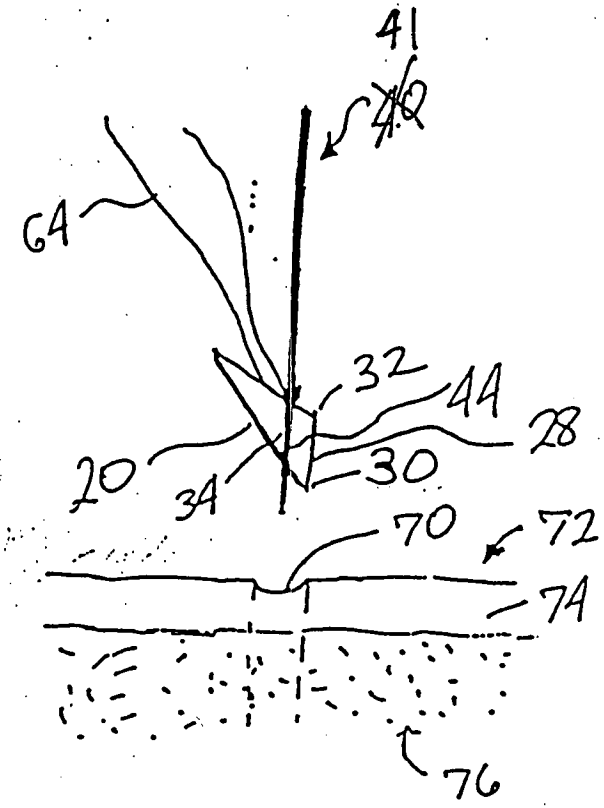

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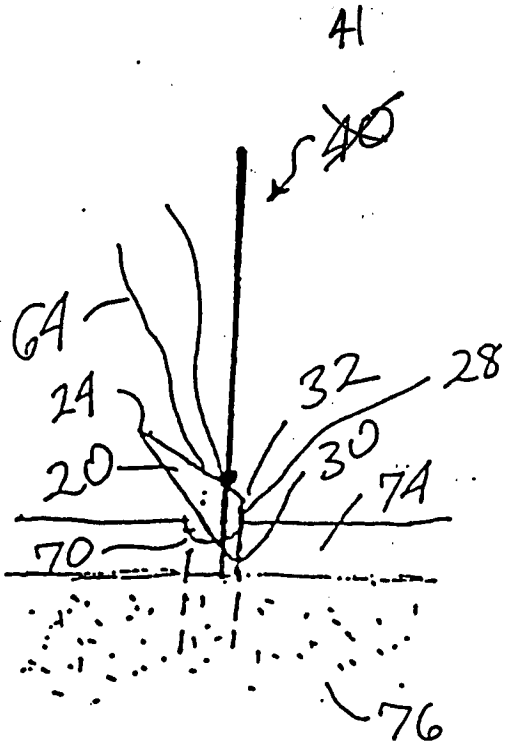

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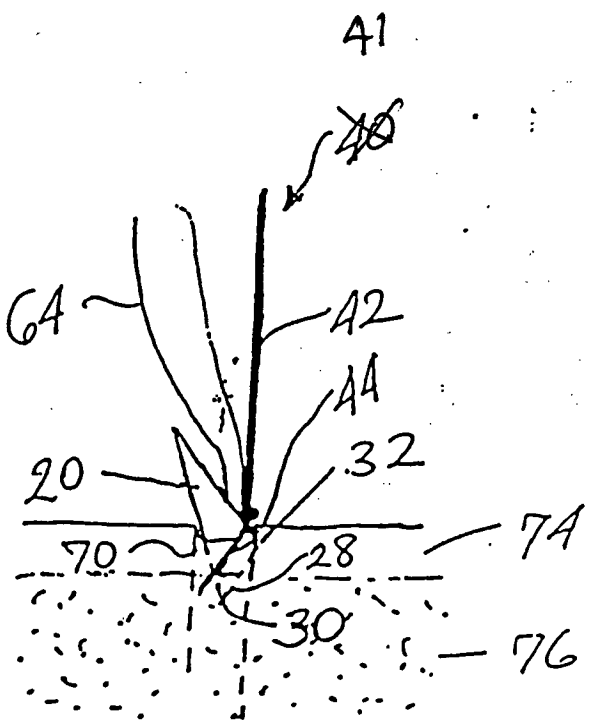

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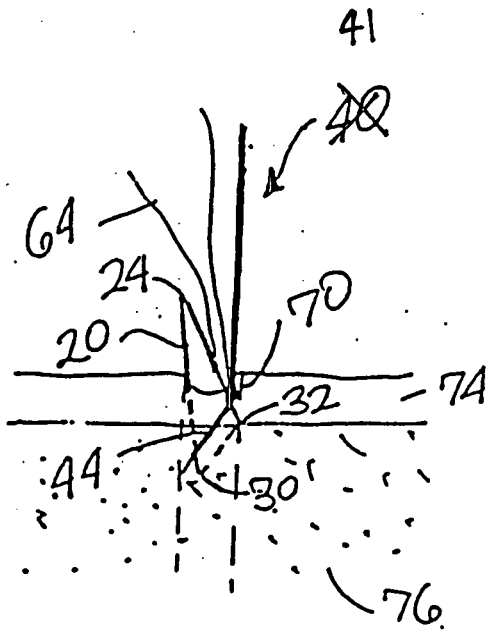

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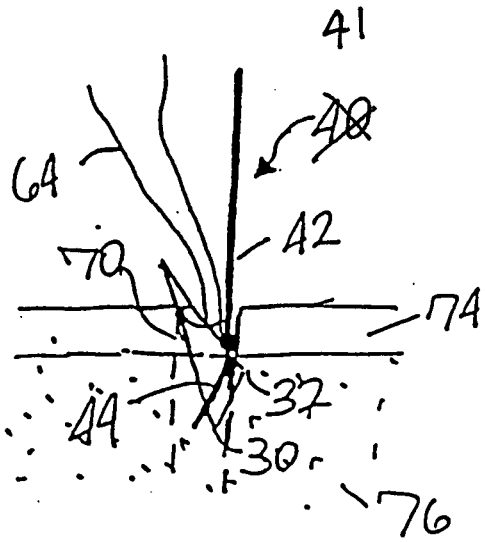

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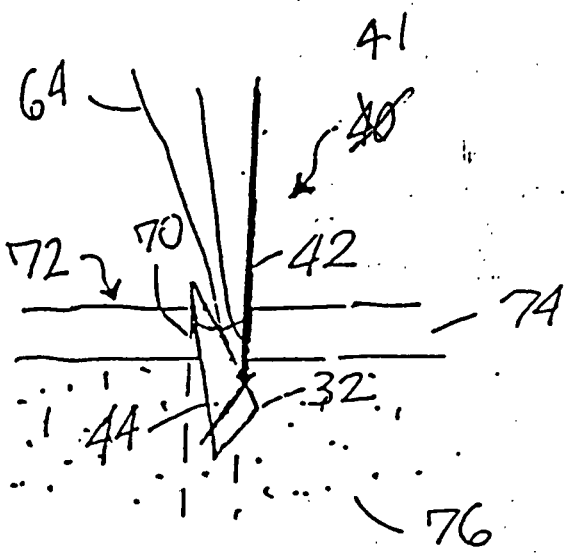

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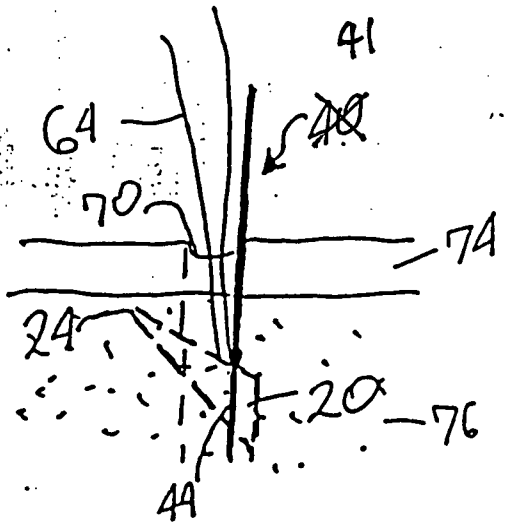

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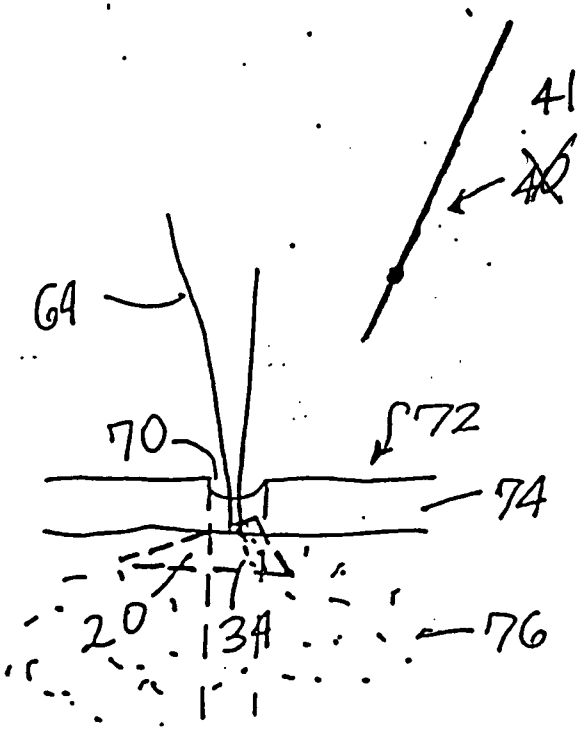

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